

Fulton Lewis, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. over WGMS (Washington) and the MBS Network:

LEWIS: "I have here tonight, ladies and gentlemen, a letter which is important, because it illustrates a vital point in the whole problem of Radio Free Europe and Crusade for Freedom, or at least it leads to such an illustration. It is a letter to a broadcasting station official in Pennsylvania from one of the most important and responsible figures in the radio and television industry, and it is in answer to an inquiry about the disclosures that I have been making over this microphone about these two organizations. The important paragraphs read as follows, quote.

"I know of the operations of Radio Free Europe first hand, for I was in Europe two years ago and watched the entire operation for a period of four days. I frankly doubt that there is any substance whatsoever to Fulton Lewis Jr.'s accusations. I know the reasons why he makes them, I know the reasons why the National Information organization does not qualify Crusade for Freedom under its standards. The advertising council works with the National Information organization and it, too, understands the entire situation. I think a look at the list of corporate members, 'listen to this,' ... 'I think a look at the list of corporate members and the board of directors will and should give you assurance that there is no pro-Communism involved. That such people are devoted to the business of protecting American interests, and I doubt that we should enter the fray at this point. It seems to me evident that Fulton Lewis Jr. is attempting to create a cause.' "Unquote."

TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST
BY

Fulton Lewis, Jr.

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Due to mechanical difficulties the first part of this broadcast was not taped. The portion missing was a letter a friend wrote to him at the radio station questioning the veracity of Mr. Lewis' information.

I consider him my friend and I naturally was somewhat shocked by what I read. He is a man who is much impressed with big names and big titles because he has to do business with them, but I had always thought him to be a man of caution and prudence and one who is not easily led astray. Therefore, I called him on the telephone to ask him what he meant by these things he wrote. I might mention that he included in the letter he wrote to the radio station a complete 11-page set of the phony answers and fact sheet and whatnot that the Crusade for Freedom has been putting out to try to appease the protests and inquiries that have arisen from this series of broadcasts, and I suggested he make mental note of the fact that he did this without ever referring the fact sheet to me to find out what I had to say about them. In fact, he was quite amazed when I told him some of the falsifications in this propaganda.

His first explanation to me was that he saw the Munich operation and went through the plant and saw what was going on first hand, and that he was very much impressed. I asked whether he knew what was being said in the actual broadcasts and he said that of course he did not because they were all in foreign languages and he was unable to understand them. I observed that that, after all, is the \$64,000 question: just what they are saying, and his answer was that there seemed to be competent Americans supervising the foreign-language broadcasters. Whereupon, I pointed out to him that this was hardly an answer because the Americans themselves cannot speak the languages.

I asked whether he had ever heard of the Fletcher Bartholemew case. He had not. I asked whether he approved of Ferdinand Perutka, the outright collaborator with the Stalinist Communists in Czechoslovakia being in charge of

the entire Czech desk of Free Europe. He didn't know anything about Perutka. I asked if he approved of Radio Free Europe's having on its payroll such people as the late Hubert Ripka, one of the great mass murderers of present times who issued the orders that brought death to 250,000 Sudeten Germans, or Milos Vanek one of the co-signers along with Lenin and Trotsky of the Second Comintern manifesto of Moscow in 1921. He had never heard of either of them. I asked if he was aware of the black-market cigarette scandal that resulted in the conviction of eight of the top figures in the Free Europe organization in Munich, and incidentally I'm still waiting for the final official details on that; we don't want to make any mistakes. He had never heard of that. As to the reason the Crusade has been disapproved by the National Information Agency, he said his understanding is that the Free Europe operation is supported partly by government funds. He says he does not know this for a fact but he has heard it.

In short, all this friend of mine does know is that a lot of prominent names, with himself, know no more about the facts of Radio Free Europe than he does and allow themselves to be used as sponsors to lend glamor to the operation, plus the fact that he made a visit to Munich, I suspect, in one of those annual October junkets a few years ago and went through the plant. That four-day inspection phrase has a very familiar ring. You may recall the details of those tours in the article by Mrs. Kelly of the American Legion Auxiliary. Plus finally the phony, untrue, devious, self-justifying literature that the Crusade has pushed into his little warm hand and which he, without taking the first gesture of trouble to check, passed it on as authentic information. One of the most shocking angles of the whole thing is that this is information which Mr. Gwilym Price, the chairman of the Crusade, voluntarily peddled to this gentleman in question as he has peddled it to many other sources over the country.

It all boils down, of course, to a question of responsibility, and it is rather clear that my friend in this case was thoroughly and indisputably irresponsible. He is not alone irresponsible to himself--he is irresponsible to the general public, to you, who are listening to this broadcast. Because what I have reported to you over this microphone is true, he is guilty of aiding and abetting a very evil thing, a very evil operation, which in the interest of truth and the welfare of the free world, he should be helping to bring to light instead of condoning and helping to cover up.

On Monday night it will be necessary for me to be away from this microphone again through the broadcast because of the necessity of my spending Monday in court on the witness stand, but on Tuesday I shall be prepared to begin giving you some of the actual records of Radio Free Europe in Munich, some of the broadcasts, and some of the guidances or directives that are being used in the Munich radio operation so that you can see for yourself whether Free Europe is preaching the doctrine of freedom and liberation and anti-Communism or whether it is instead preaching the story of national Communism and social statism and is being used to perpetuate the political philosophy of the very men, the very same collaborators of Communism, who sold their countries out to Russia.